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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

**USF CERTIFICATION – FCC DOCKET NO. 96-45**

Please find enclosed a copy of an Affidavit filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission by each of the following companies:

1. BEK Communications Cooperative
2. Consolidated Telcom
3. Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telcom I
4. Dickey Rural Access, Inc., Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative, and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.
5. Griggs County Telephone Company and Moore & Liberty Telephone Company
6. Halstad Telephone Company
7. Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC
8. Midstate Communications, Inc., and Midstate Telephone Company
9. Nemont Telephone, Inc./Missouri Valley Communications and Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.
10. North Dakota Telephone Company
11. Northwest Communications Cooperative
12. Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation, Polar Telcom, Inc., and Wolverton Telephone Company
13. Red River Rural Telephone Association
14. Reservation Telephone Cooperative
15. SRT Communications, Inc.
16. United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation and Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.
17. West River Telecommunications Cooperative

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These Affidavits certify that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. You may already have received a signed original of the Affidavit from each one of the companies listed above.

The aforementioned carriers have also filed this Affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2010, that the carriers will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2010, the aforementioned carriers are also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the carriers continue to receive the universal service support for which they are eligible.



Don Negaard

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Enclosures

cc: Derrick Bulawa, Manager - BEK Communications Cooperative  
Paul Schuetzler, Manager - Consolidated Telcom  
Keith Larson, Manager - Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and  
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc.  
Jeff Wilson, Manager - Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative,  
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc., and Dickey Rural Access, Inc.  
Ray G. Brown, Manager - Griggs County Telephone Company  
and Moore and Liberty Telephone Company  
Tom Maroney, Manager, Halstad Telephone Company  
Keith Andersen, Manager - Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC  
Mark Wilhelmi, Manager - Midstate Telephone Company and Midstate Communications, Inc.  
Mike Kilgore, Manager, Nemont Telephone/Missouri Valley Communications, Inc., and Sagebrush  
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Dave Dircks, Manager - North Dakota Telephone Company  
Dwight Schmitt, Manager - Northwest Communications Cooperative  
David L. Dunning, Manager - Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation, Polar Telcom,  
Inc., and Wolverton Telephone Company  
Jeffrey J. Olson, Manager - Red River Telephone Association  
Royce S. Aslakson, Manager - Reservation Telephone Cooperative  
Steve Lysne, Manager - SRT Communications, Inc.  
Kenneth Carlson, Manager - United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation  
and Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.  
Albert R. Grosz, Manager - West River Telecommunications Cooperative  
David Crothers - North Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives  
Gordon Dauchy - John Staurulakis, Inc.

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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET NO. 96-45

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**AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota        )  
  ) ss.  
County of Kidder                )

Derrick Bulawa, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by BEK Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2011 and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2011 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to

emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2010.

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Derrick Bulawa  
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ) ss.  
County of Kidder         )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2010, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DERRICK BULAWA, known to me to be the Manager of BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_